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**Dear Friend,**

The legislative session is over and I look forward to spending more time in the district, seeing old friends and making new. I am happy to report the Governor has signed a number of my bills, including AB 2063. Bill AB 2063 allows the County of San Bernardino to sell property purchased with Proposition 70 bond funds (initiated solely for the purpose of buying, protecting and restoring California's open space, wildlands, wildlife and parks) as long as the proceeds are used to purchase other open space property. More information on AB 2063 is on page 2. Other bills signed into law are listed on page 4 and 5.

Have a Happy Halloween and Stay safe!

## Deputy Ron Ives June 25, 1961 – Sept. 1, 2004

San Bernardino County Sheriffs Deputy Ron Ives was killed in the line of duty as a result of a traffic collision Sept. 1. Deputy Ives, 43, was driving his police motorcycle near the intersection of Baseline and Archibald in Rancho Cucamonga when another driver apparently ran a red light, hitting Ives' motorcycle.

Ives, an eight-year veteran with the department, was flown to a local hospital where he died as a result of the injuries sustained in the collision.

He is survived by wife Karen and 20-year-old son Blake.

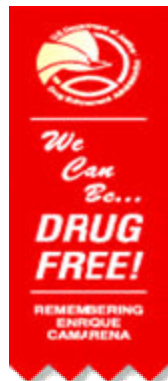
Ives funeral was held September 8 at Quake Stadium in Rancho Cucamonga. An estimated 3,000 people showed up for the service, with many Southland law enforcement and public safety officials represented.

The outpouring of support was representative of the love, honor and respect Ives earned from his family, friends, fellow officers and the wider community.

A memorial fund has been established in his name. Donations may be made to: The Ronald Ives Memorial Fund, c/o The Safety Employees Benefit Association, 555 North E Street, San Bernardino, CA 92401

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### Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> is a time to remember those we have lost in the fight against drug abuse. It is also a time to pledge to live free from illegal drugs and drug abuse.

Red Ribbon Week has become a symbol for drug abuse prevention. It started as a grassroots tribute to Drug Enforcement Agent Enrique Camarena, who was kidnapped and murdered by drug traffickers in March 1985.

The weeklong event is celebrated in memory of Camarena but has evolved to pay homage to all of the dedicated men and women who have lost their lives in the fight against illicit drugs.

## Thought for October

*"To see the  
right and not  
to do it  
is cowardice."  
- Confucius*

## Chino Agricultural Preserve Benefits from AB 2063

AB 2063, which was signed into law by the Governor, is a boon to the efforts to preserve Chino's Agricultural history. San Bernardino County has been using Prop 70 monies to purchase agricultural and open space lands within the Chino Agricultural Preserve (CAP). However, the parcels have been purchased in a piecemeal way, as they become available. The result is that dairy operations are scattered in a non-contiguous pattern that makes managing the lands and dairy operations difficult.

My legislation allows the county, in essence, to swap parcels to expedite the consolidation of dairy operations and provide greenbelts that will serve as buffers between the dusty and aromatic dairies and residential development. The bill requires that there be no net loss in acreage or habitat value as a result of the plan.

## Breast Cancer Awareness Month – October 2004

*October of this year marks 20 years of progress for **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in educating women about breast cancer, diagnosis, and treatment.* Breast cancer, which is the most common form of cancer among women, and one of the deadliest cancers of all, is second only to lung cancer as the leading cause of cancer-related deaths.

Approximately 47,000 women will die of breast cancer in the United States this year, and about 190,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed. It is an epidemic that will strike one out of 10 California women. This year, approximately **5,000 California women will die of breast cancer, and nearly 25,000 new cases will be diagnosed. Yet, only half of California's women have had a breast exam within the past two years!**

The state also offers free breast exams for women who cannot afford health insurance and who meet other specified criteria.

For more information on breast cancer or to see if you qualify for the breast exam program, please visit my office at 4959 Palo Verde Street Ste. 100B or my website or you can call my staff at (909) 621-2783. You can also get more information by calling the American Cancer Society.



## **Commuter Alert: I-15 Rehab at Devore Paving Work Rescheduled for October**

A new schedule to replace aging concrete slabs on Interstate 15 in the Devore area between State Route 210 and I-215 was initiated to reduce the inconvenience to commuters driving to and from the desert. Previously, the work was scheduled to start Sept. 13, but will now begin Sunday night, Oct. 3. Crews will work continuously 24-7 until the paving portion of the project is complete, an estimated four weeks. Three lanes will be open in the southbound direction for the morning commute and two lanes will be open for the evening commute through the use of a quick-change moveable barrier system. However, delays are still expected. Commuters are advised to avoid peak times, which are: **Southbound:** Mon-Fri – 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sat – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sun – 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Northbound:** Mon-Thu – 3:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Fri – 3:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Sat – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sun – 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. **Use the detours!**

**Southbound I-15** to LA Basin & Points South, use southbound I-215 to westbound I-10. **Northbound I-15** from Points South of I-10, use eastbound I-10 to northbound I-215. **Eastbound I-10 to Northbound I-15**, stay on I-10 to northbound I-215. **Eastbound SR-210 to Northbound I-15**, use southbound I-15 to eastbound I-10 to northbound I-215.

# Hallowe'en Safety Checklist

Halloween is the nation's biggest money-making holiday outside of Christmas; Americans will spend more than \$3 billion on candy, costumes and parties this year.

But while all of us want our children to have fun 'trick or treating' on Halloween, their safety is obviously our top priority.

Parents must take extra care in selecting their children's costumes and reviewing safety rules with their children. Here are some guidelines that you may want to use for your own family.

## Costumes should:

- be made of flame retardant material
- be made of bright material
- have reflector strips on them so the child can be seen in the dark



## Children should NEVER:

- go inside anyone's home
- ever trick-or-treat alone
- ever accept a ride from a stranger

## Be sure to:

- make your Halloween props and decorations out of flexible materials, such as cardboard.
- wear shoes that are comfortable and easy to walk in.
- use face makeup instead of a mask to increase visibility. If a mask must be used, make sure the eyeholes are large enough to allow full vision.

## Parents should:

- review the "Stop! Drop! Roll!" drill in case a child's costume catches on fire
- accompany their younger children while they are trick-or-treating
- know the route their older children will be taking if they are trick-or-treating with friends
- give their children change so they can call home if they are going to be late
- remind their children that "911" can be called free from any pay phone
- throw out any candy that looks suspicious.
- Check the newspaper for officially sponsored events.
- instruct their children **NOT TO EAT TREATS UNTIL THEY RETURN HOME!**

## Children should:

- carry a flashlight
- stay in familiar neighborhoods
- go only to homes with porch lights on
- always remove masks when walking from house to house
- cross streets at corners only and never between parked cars
- stay on sidewalks of only well-lit streets
- be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of a driveway



## Legislation

**My bills recently signed into law by the Governor include:**

### **AB 1091: Reportable Diseases**

AB 1091 will make it easier to diagnose, track, contain and treat the increased incidence of new and exotic diseases such as West Nile Virus, SARS and other potentially dangerous illnesses by giving the Department of Health Services and local health officials the ability to identify such diseases in a timely manner. These agencies will be able to develop and implement prevention strategies, provide education, conduct research and make appropriate public health policy decisions in a timely manner. The way the system works now, the Department of Health Services must add the disease by undergoing the regulatory process, which can take up to 18 months to complete. This is much too lengthy a time to react to serious health threats.

### **AB 1530: Community Prisoner Mother Program**

Existing law requires the California Department of Corrections (CDC) to establish and implement the Community Prisoner Mother Program (CPMP) for women sentenced to state prison who have one or more children under the age of six. The program calls for one of CDC's prime concerns to be establishing a safe and wholesome environment for the participating children. However, few women know of this helpful but underutilized program.

AB 1530 requires the CDC to admit female inmates who meet specified criteria, whose children are born prior to incarceration or who are pregnant, to the community treatment program, and requires the department to notify eligible female inmates about CPMP if the inmate has not otherwise applied for the program.

The community treatment program is to provide each mother with written information about the available local programs, including telephone numbers for enrolling a child in a program, to provide transportation to program services, and otherwise facilitate enrollment and participation for eligible children.

### **AB 1969: CSU - Employee Ethics Training**

This bill requires the California State University Trustees, and urges the University of California Regents, to provide semiannual orientation courses on the ethics statutes and regulations that govern official employee conduct to California State University employees and officials who are required to fill Statements of Economic Interests.

### **AB 2916: Milk Products: Licensing fees**

This bill modifies the State Department of Food and Agriculture process for licensing butter handlers, milk samplers, milk weighers, milk product processing facilities, and others engaged in the production and processing of milk and milk products. Existing law requires every person who deals in the receiving, manufacturing, freezing, or processing ice cream, ice milk, sherbet, or any similar frozen product, of manufacturing, freezing, or processing imitation ice cream, imitation ice milk, or any similar frozen product, or of processing any other dairy product for which a license is required, to pay specified fees.

AB 2916 provides that licenses for worker shall expire two years after the last date of issuance, rather than on December 31st of each year, and requires license fees to be paid within 90 days of license renewal. It also requires milk sampler and weigher licensees to complete a State Department of Food and Agriculture approved refresher course and proficiency evaluation within six months prior to their license expiration.

DFA proposed the changes contained in this bill in order to bring California's milk inspection practices into compliance with federal guidelines, ensure accurate testing procedures for the protection of consumers and the industry and recover costs associated with milk and dairy food inspection, testing, evaluation and licensure activities. The fees for these licenses were last amended in 1984 and do not reflect current costs to DFA for licensing administration.

### **AB 3094: PER&SS: Retirement Systems**

This piece of legislation creates cost-saving procedures for public retirement systems to recoup benefit payments made after the death of a recipient. In the past, family members could withdraw funds deposited electronically after the death of a recipient before the retirement system was able to cut off payments.



Assemblywoman McLeod discusses the necessity of her bill AB 1091 with Dr. Min-Lee Cheng, District Manager of the West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.